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SUBJ: SAHARA: ALGIERS LEANS ON NOUAKCHOTT

1. ALGERIAN MEDIA JAN. 27 MAKE MUCH OF DIFFICULTIES
ALLEGEDLY CONFRONTING MAURITANIAN REGIME.

2. DEMONSTRATIONS IN NOUAKCHOTT: LEADING ARTICLE IN
PRESS JAN. 27 CLAIMS THAT THERE WERE ANTI-GIRM DEMONSTRATIONS
IN NOUAKCHOTT JAN. 21-22. DEMONSTRATORS IN CITY'S 5TH
PRECINCT, PRESS CLAIMS, SHOUTED "INVADERS, LEAVE OUR
COUNTRY; INDEPENDENT MAURITANIA; SAHARA AS BROTHER YES,
COLONIZED SAHARA NO; DOWN WITH CORRUPTION; AND LONG LIVE
UNITY OF PEOPLES." ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, CROWD THREW
STONES AT POLICE WHO RESPONDED BY OPENING FIRE, WOUNDING
LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE. PRESS ASSERTS THAT REASON FOR
DEMONSTRATIONS WAS AGITATION AT PRESENCE OF MOROCCAN
FORCES ON MAURITANIAN TERRITORY AND AT DEATH OF
CAPTAIN SOUIDET.

3. MOROCCAN F-5 LOST IN SAHARA: IN COMMENTING ON LOSS
OF MOROCCAN F-5 IN MAURITANIAN, ALGERIAN PRESS SAYS
INCIDENT REPRESENTS GRAVE NEW ESCALATION. MOROCCAN
REGIME, PRESS SAYS, NO LONGER CONTENTS ITSELF MERELY
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WITH "GRAND MAROC" PROPAGANDA; NOW MOROCCANS SEND

EXPEDITIONARY FORCES TO MAKE "GRAND MAROC" CONQUEST A
REALITY. IMPLICATION IS THAT CONQUEST WILL BE AT
MAURITANIA'S EXPENSE.
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